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Re. **PQ39682/22**: To ask the Minister for Health the supports and resources that are specifically dedicated to the National Plan for Radiation Oncology Phase 2 expansions and radiotherapy services enhancement, as mentioned in the HSE Service Plan 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Burke,

The National Plan for Radiation Oncology (NPRO) as part of the National Cancer Strategy for Ireland 2017-2024 envisioned the further development of radiation oncology facilities in Dublin, Cork and Galway. The Department of Health and the HSE has invested significantly since 2017 to ensure this infrastructural development, with NCCP/HSE managing the recruitment of appropriate levels of specialised staff for the modality. Cork open their new service in 2019, Galway is on track to open end of 2022 and Beaumont at the end of 2023. This is a significant achievement given the limitations of COVID and the Cyberattack which had a devastating impact on the service.

In addition to ensuring the provision of adequate capacity in the public radiotherapy network, there is a process to assess new treatment options and technologies as they become available further informing the investment for the future.

Yours sincerely



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